LETTERS

I want to thank you, Grace, and your friend for entertaining our children here at Child Haven as Lilac and Giggles the Clowns. The children thoroughly enjoyed the singing and the magic. It was very thoughtful of you to take the time to visit Child Haven and put on a show for our kids.

Please know that everyone here at Child Haven appreciates your thinking of our children. Thanks again for your kindness.
Linda J. Tarr
Activity Supervisor
Child Haven, Las Vegas

Dear Lilac,

Thank you so much for donating your talent and time to make NALA's Multi-Cultural Variety Show a success. We were so late in beginning the performance that you were a special help in entertaining the audience.

We trust that you will continue to be NALA's friend and supporter.
Dr. & Mrs. Avi L. Almeida
Nevada Association of Latin Americans

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven."
Acts 1:11

NEWSLETTER

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TESTIMONY

When you were at the Church in Birmingham for a healing service, I requested that my son be healed from alcoholism. The following Thursday evening my son's half-brother, a senior at Auburn University, left a fraternity party and stepped into the path of a truck. Family members gathered, some who had not seen each other for years - had not spoken - alien brothers and sisters, former spouses and new spouses who had had bitter fights - two children from previous marriages who were not blood relatives of the victim - a most separated group. It was six days before Rick finally died. The family remained there.

But when I called my son, Brad, on Sunday morning, who was with this group, all the family members (and non-members, if they be called that) were hugging and loving each other, talking of their joy and what a miracle it was that they all loved each other so much. Of course, there was underlying grief, but the joy was overwhelming. My son has not had a drink in eight months now, and I know this was the final healing which needed to take place. Eleven people were directly affected by this experience, one of them being me. It is hard to imagine the enormity of this healing. I praise God. With love to you.
Mary Pride Schuler
Birmingham, Alabama

FEEDBACK

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

☐ I am interested in joining your international healing prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power. Please send me information.

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Please send me the FAITH CASSETTES I have checked below. I enclose my check/money-order for $5.50 for each cassette as a donation to your work.

☐ THE GIFTS OF HEALING - AN INTRODUCTION
☐ YOU ARE A CHANNEL FOR GOD'S HEALING
☐ THE GIFT OF FAITH
☐ THE GIFT OF COMMUNICATION

The following are original compositions channeled by Rev. Andrew Michaels.

☐ ...AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR...
☐ SEASONS
☐ TALES OF WONDER

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SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Day Celebration, 1-2 P.M. at Faith Center. Our weekly fellowship. A gathering together in the Lord. Praise, prayer, music, renewal and special prayers for those in need of healing.

HEALING & COUNSELING

Ministers are available at Faith Center for counseling and healing prayers. Please call **(702) 367-6808** to schedule an appointment.
We also maintain a Healing Prayer Book in which we enter the names of all those requesting prayers. If you wish to have your name entered, or that of a friend or relative, please call with your prayer request.

NEWSBRIEFS

Atlanta. Please call (404) 633-4420 for more information. We urge all our Atlanta readers to attend.

Both have also been active in the field of Animal Action, especially in conjunction with Mobilization For Animals (MFA) and in preparation for a national mass rally in New York on April 20. We urge your participation in this.

Our congratulations to Margery on her appointment as Atlanta MFA Co-ordinator.

BIRMINGHAM: Sharon Craiger has been continuing her fine work with her troupe of youngsters from First Baptist in Warrior, Alabama, visiting churches, nursing homes and other institutions.

NEW YORK: Barbara Blair, long time member of our prayer fellowship, is holding regular Circle of Power meetings in her home in Brooklyn at 7 P.M. every Saturday. Please call her at (718) 649-3362 for details.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA: Musa Mensa, a Circle of Power member in a village near Sunyani, has been active in bringing people to the Lord and membership of the Circle of Power. Praise God.

And praise God for all of you, who are carrying the presence and love of the Lord wherever you go.

NEWSBRIEFS

A very special welcome to all our readers from all of us at our new Faith Center in Las Vegas. As the news below will tell you, the Lord has truly blessed this expansion of the ministry, and our thanks to so many of you, who have made this possible through your prayers and support.

Photos: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

The meeting/counseling room in our new Faith Center.

LOCAL

CLOWN MINISTRY: Since the beginning of the year the clowns have made an impressive number of visits. These include the pediatric wards of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital and Sunrise Humana Hospital, Desert Developmental Center and Nevada Association for the Handicapped, both homes for the retarded, and most recently to a home for battered women and children, Temporary Assistance for Domestic Crisis Women's and Children's Shelter.

Rev. Grace Michaels (clown name: Lilac), the minister guiding the Clown Ministry, has been leading the way, ably supported by Rev. Abigail Johns (Giggles), and some clowns not so familiar to our readers: Rev. Maria Perchuk (Coconut), Rev. Jana Bernadette (Silly Putty) accompanied by the famous Rocky Racoon, and Rev. Raphael de Peyer (Very Tall Fortune Cookie - his friends just call him "Cookie") accompanied by an obstreperous squirrel called McNutt, who argues continually with his master as to which of them is the puppet and thinks he is a major shareholder in McDonalds! What can you say? Praise the Lord for this nutty(!) humor, which reaches the kids when other things may not.

Photos: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

Clowns Silly Putty (Rev. Jana Bernadette) with Rocky and Coconut (Rev. Maria Perchuk) with guitar, and balloons bring a lot of happiness to this mother and daughter at Sunrise Humana Hospital in Las Vegas.

As everyone knows, a positive attitude is powerful medicine for healing, and it is the primary function of the clowns to bring out and nurture that attitude. Many children have responded to the clowns while having previously shown little response to anything else. A young Hispanic girl, who had to have a leg amputated, was deeply depressed until Coconut spoke to her in her native Spanish and gave her a pretty doll, which cheered her up no end. Tammy, a slightly retarded girl, also suffering from Aging Disease, responded to one of the hand puppets and was overjoyed at being given one of her very own. And many of the severely handicapped children get a lot of fun out of helping Lilac to play her guitar by twanging the strings!

Our thanks to radio station KENO-AM/KOMP-FM for inviting Revs. Raphael de Peyer and Grace Michaels to appear as guests on the show, "Spotlight," on March 24, talking about the Clown Ministry.

And our special thanks to volunteers Ben Feldman, John LaPeer and Franco the Clown, who have been coming on visits with us. We are looking for more volunteers so that we can increase the scope and frequency of our visits, so please call Rev. Grace Michaels at (702) 367-6808 if you would like to help us in the Clown Ministry. We have also received a gratifying number of calls from people in other cities wanting to start visiting children in their local hospitals. To help, we are re-writing and updating our Clown Manual to make it more useful to people with no previous experience. So, if you feel the call to clowning, and you don't live near a branch of the ministry, just call or write and we will do everything we can to help you get started.

Photos: Rev. Matthew Gartenlaub

Rev. Abigail Johns (Giggles) and 'pet therapist,' Pippin, converse with a senior at Beverly Manor, Las Vegas.

PET THERAPY: In a new departure for this program Rev. Abigail Johns has been combining clowning with taking the animals to different nursing homes with excellent results. Beverly Manor and Gaye Haven are two that have received such visits. Unfortunately, the law prohibits the animals from visiting the sick kids, which is understandable, but no such prohibition exists in relation to nursing homes, and Rev. Johns is looking to expand her combined Clown Ministry/Pet Therapy Program to other places.

Meanwhile homes receiving traditional Pet Therapy visits have included North Las Vegas Care Center, Hillhaven Convalescent Center, El Jen Convalescent Hospital, Torrey Pines Care Center, Charleston Residential Care Hotel and Vegas Valley Convalescent Hospital.

Teddy and Pippin, two dogs that Rev. Johns rescued and trained, and Yin and Yang, two pekingeses, are the main 'therapists' on these visits! The pekingeses are especially useful for the more infirm because, being small, they fit neatly in a lap. In a response that is typical of the effects of the program, Yang caused an elderly lady to come out of her shell where nothing else had succeeded.

ANIMAL ACTION: Apart from adopting a 9 year Afghan!, we have been making contact with the various excellent animal welfare organizations around Las Vegas.
Prompted by information supplied by the Nevada Animal Society, we made calls to legislators on behalf of a bill that would have banned dog-fighting and vivisection, and have provided for the more humane treatment of animals. This bill was defeated because of legislative support for "medical research" (vivisection), but its proponents are now planning to take the different provisions of the original bill and present them separately, with better chances for success. Please pray for this.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

ATLANTA: Jennifer Maxfield (Fluffy) has been pursuing the work of the Clown Ministry to great effect. Her letter of March 7 tells the tale:

"Since continuing the Clown Ministry here in Atlanta I've experienced a strong sense of accomplishment and peace. Some of the wonderful volunteers (Pat Gallagher, Jennifer Beasley, Lynn Medley and Leigh Benson) and I ventured to Kennestone Hospital last month and even with all the laughter, tricks and songs, I feel the children touched us more than we could ever give to them. One little boy in particular hadn't been able to speak until after gazing at one of the clowns said, "It's a Mickey Mouse hat!" Lastly I want to thank you for starting this ministry in Atlanta and for asking us to keep up the good work. God bless you."

Photo: Pat Gallagher

Mother and child (right) enjoy the clowns led by Fluffy (Jennifer Maxfield, left) belting out some tunes at Kennestone Hospital in Marietta, Georgia.

Meanwhile Bob Kellar and Margery Cunningham have been holding regular meetings of our prayer fellowship, the Circle of Power, at 7 P.M. every Thursday at Margery's home, 1686 Bristol Drive, N.E., over